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SUBJECT: CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

REF: STATE 12169 AND PREVIOUS

1. SCIATT HAS TAKEN QUESTION OF ARGENTINE RATIFICATION UP
WITH ANIMAL HUNTING AND CONSERVATION DIRECTOR GODOY (ARGENTINE
DELEGATE TO THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE) AND WITH FONMIN
TREATY DIVISION (SEC RICARDEZ). GODOY COMPLETELY IN FAVOR OF
EARLY RATIFICATION.

2. RATIONALE FOR URGENCY OF EARLY RATIFICATION EXPLAINED TO
RICARDEZ AND AIDE-MEMOIRE ALONG SAME LINES LEFT WITH HIM.
RICARDEZ EXPECTS THAT CONVENTION WILL BE SENT TO CONGRESS FOR
CONSIDERATION AT NEXT REGULAR SESSION, WHICH SCHEDULED TO BEGIN
MAY 1. HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE TAKEN UP IN PRESENT "EXTRA-
ORDINARY" SESSION OF CONGRESS. RICARDEZ COULD PREDICT NO FIRM
DATE FOR ARGENTINE RATIFICATION, BUT STATED HIS EXPECTATION
THAT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOLLOWED BY FINAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH
RATIFICATION WOULD OCCUR SOMETIME THIS YEAR.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY ANTICIPATES NO SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION TO
THIS CONVENTION HERE. ARGENTINE LAWS ALREADY PROVIDE FOR PRO-
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TECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES. ONLY QUESTION WOULD APPEAR TO BE

OF TIMING, AND WE HOPEFUL THAT REASONING PROVIDED IN OUR DEMARCHE
WILL HELP MOVE THIS ALONG TO SOME EXTENT.
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